

## Grace Academy

### Admissions policy

The admissions process is part of the Solihull Local Authority co-ordinated scheme.

For entry in September 2011, applications for places should be made to your Local Authority by their published closing date.

The Admission Policy of the Governors of Grace Academy is as follows:

The School's Admission Number for the academic year beginning in September 2011 is 210.

Children with statements of special educational needs that name Grace Academy will be offered a place.

If Grace Academy receives more applications than there are places available, places will be offered in the following order.

- Priority 1** Children in the care of a local authority (looked-after children)  
Children whose exceptional circumstances can only be met by Grace Academy
- Priority 2** Children who normally live in the catchment area of Grace Academy
- Priority 3** Children who have an older brother or sister at Grace Academy at the same time
- Priority 4** Children closest to Grace Academy, measured in a straight line from the child's home

For priority group 2, if there are more children wanting places than there are places available, we will offer places to children living in the catchment area in the following order.

1. Children who have an older brother or sister at Grace Academy at the same time
2. Children going to one of the linked primary schools at the time of the application. The linked primary schools are: Alcott Hall Junior and Infant School, Bennett's Well Junior and Infant School, Bishop Wilson Primary School, Coleshill Heath Primary School, Hatchford Community Primary School, Marston Green Junior School, St Anne's Catholic Primary School and Windy Arbor Junior and Infant School.
3. Children living nearest Grace Academy, measured in a straight line from home to school

For priority groups 3 and 4, when there are more children than places available, those living nearest to Grace Academy (measured in a straight line from home to school) will be offered places first.

### Note

The definition of a brother or sister is:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
- a half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent;
- a stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage or civil partnership (a formal arrangement that gives same-sex couples the same legal status as married couples);
- the separate children of couples who live together; or
- an adopted or fostered brother or sister.

**Distance from home to Grace Academy**

The straight-line distance from the child's home to Grace Academy is calculated by Solihull Council as described on their website ([solihull.gov.uk/schools/secondary.htm](http://solihull.gov.uk/schools/secondary.htm)).

**Appeals**

Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Governors to refuse their child a place at Grace Academy must apply in writing to the Chair of Governors. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

**Late applications**

Late applications will be dealt with in accordance with Solihull Council admission arrangements

**Waiting lists**

Waiting lists will be operated in accordance with Solihull Council admission arrangements

**Applications other than the normal intake to Year 7**

Applications should be made to Solihull Council.

**In Year Fair Access Policy**

The Governors will follow the common arrangements as agreed with the Local Authority.